

REMARKS**I. Status of the Claims:**

Claims 1, 6 and 12-19 are currently pending. Claims 16-18 are allowed. Claims 1, 6 and 12-15 have been withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner.

By this Amendment, claims 1, 6, 12-15 and 19 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter has been introduced by this Amendment.

Upon entry of this Amendment, allowed claims 16-18 would be pending.

II. Rejection under Sections §102

Claim 19 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Aoki (U.S. Patent No. 4,971,436). Claim 19 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, rendering this rejection moot.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims and allowance of this application.

AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 13-4503, Order No. 1232-4753.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 13-4503, Order No. 1232-4753.

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